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C O N F I D E N T I A L GABORONE 2150

BERLIN FOR AMBASSADOR BOLEN

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PORG BC

SUBJ: BOTSWANA REPRESENTATION AT WORLD PEACE COUNCIL MEETING

1. PATRICK K. BALOPI, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE RULING BOTSWANA DEMOCRATIC PARTY (BDP), TOLD ME SEPT 3 HE HAD BEEN NAMED GOB REP TO ATTEND WORLD PEACE COUNCIL (WPC) MEETING IN BERLIN DURING THE WEEK OF SEPT 5-9. HE SAID THIS WAS FIRST GOB PARTICIPATION IN SUCH A MEETING. THE DECISION TO ATTEND WAS REPORTEDLY MADE AT THE LAST MINUTE BY PRESIDENT KHAMA IN RESPONSE TO URGINGS OF WPC DELEGATION THAT VISITED BOTSWANA "SEVERAL WEEKS AGO" AND THAT HAD STRONGLY URGED PRES KHAMA TO SEND A PARTICIPANT.

2. ACCORDING TO BALOPI, THE AGENDA FOR THE WPC MEETING WILL BE HEAVILY ORIENTED TOWARD SOUTHERN AFRICA AND SPECIFICALLY HOW TO ACHIEVE PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS TO THE AREA'S PROBLEMS. I ASKED WHAT SOLUTIONS WPC HAD IN MIND. BALOPI SAID THEIR IDEA IS "PEACE THROUGH FIGHTING". HE SMILED WHEN WE AGREED THAT THIS MEANT, IN EFFECT, "PEACE THROUGH WAR". HE SAID HE WAS INTRIGUED BY WPC ATTITUDES AND PROPOSALS AND VOLUNTEERED TO LET ME KNOW THE OUTCOME OF THE MEETINGS UPON HIS RETURN.

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3. I REMINDED BALOPI THAT AMBASSADOR BOLEN HAD RECENTLY PRESENTED CREDENTIALS THERE. BALOPI SAID HE HAD NOT SEEN THAT REPORT BUT SAID HE WOULD ATTEMPT TO GET IN TOUCH WITH THE AMBASSADOR. DEPENDING UPON TIME AVAILABLE, HE WOULD CALL AT THE EMBASSY. NORLAND

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